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## The Important Office of the Pastor

Growing up in a pastor's home, my Dad was an important man to me. I didn't always understand why, but I always had that feeling inside my boyish heart that he was important. Then came the day when I, too, became a pastor. Dad had just retired from active ministry and moved back to the old home place in North Hollywood, California. I moved 2,000 miles away to accept my first appointment to pastor a congregation of believers in the great metropolis of Cleveland, Ohio.

The feeling I had as I traveled to Cleveland with my young wife in a small Chevrolet that was packed with all our belongings, was a feeling that I was doing the most important thing I had ever done in all my 25 years of living. I have never changed my mind!

*"As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them . . ." (Ezek. 34:12 NASB).* That declaration by the Prophet Ezekiel was the command for my life. I would be to the people of my parish and field of activity a "good shepherd" (c.f. 34:10-12 NASB).

Becoming a pastor wasn't easy because I made it difficult. When I stopped doing it the hard way and became as a shepherd leading His flock, I found Christ in me as the power of reasoning and love. As the shep-

herd-likeness flowed through me to the congregation, I then learned that I could be as the "husbandman"—Jesus' referral of God's relationship to the world. As in the likeness of the husbandman, I learned patience and trust which I discovered in Paul's writing to Timothy and in James' epistle to the church (c.f. Jn. 15:1, 11 Tim. 2:6, Jas. 5:7).

My three daughters are grown and married to important men. I say they are important because they too, are pastors. When we talk together it's about the most important of all occupations. They are men like me who are in love with the lost and seeking to find them. I say we're important because we are taking care of God's children.

I'm a "professional" in my field. Profession means making a business of something. What better way do we have to describe Jesus' ministry. The Writer Luke tells us that at a young age Jesus became occupied with His Father's business (2:49). There's nothing wrong with making a business of the Father's business and letting that business have some specific and distinct kind of character that represents to the community that you are important because you are providing Bible ministry. It is the Jesus life in you.

Dr. Howard W. Clark  
Eastern District Supervisor

Theme for the **56th International Foursquare Convention** to be held in Los Angeles, Ca., Apr. 23-29, 1980, will be **"A Congress on Destiny,"** reports Chairman John Holland.

August 24, 1979, was a "red-letter" day for **Angelus Temple**, Headquarters Church. The first program of the series, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by **Pastor Howard P. Courtney** was televised on this date over Trinity Broadcasting Network (Channel 40) in Tustin, Ca. This new outreach for the church not only reaches many areas of California but is also aired in nine different States, including Hawaii. The series is expected to continue on a once a week basis.

Church Growth and Evangelism Director **Donald McGregor** will conduct two Church Growth Seminars in the South Central District, Nov. 12-18.

In recent months, new Foursquare churches were established in the following districts and respective towns: **Western**—Auburn and Clear Lake, Ca.; **Southwest**—Cananea (Nogales, Sonora, Mex.); **South Central**—Alamo-

gordo, N. Mex.; **Eastern**—Collings Lakes (Interfaith Foursquare Fellowship), N.J.

The Western District reports **record attendances** in all of its summer camps held at **Old Oak Ranch** in Sonora, Ca., despite the gasoline shortage. The **Southwest District C.F.M. Fall Retreat** was conducted at Camp Cedar Crest in the San Bernardino, Ca. Mountains, Oct. 26-28, 1979. Camp Crestview in Oregon is the site of the **Northwest District's C.F.M. Retreat** to be held Nov. 2-4. The **Southern California District** will conduct its Fall Ingathering Missionary Rally on Nov. 16, 1979.

**Rev. Charles Shoemaker**, Executive Vice President of L.I.F.E. Bible College, ministered at the recent Western District Pastors' Conference and attended, along with **Daniel Brown**, L.I.F.E. Bible College Director of Admissions, the American Association of Bible College's annual Convention, Oct. 25-27, in Chicago, Ill.

**National Bible Week** will be celebrated across America, Nov. 18-25.

**Florence Ave. Ca. Foursquare Church's**

two Christian Day Schools are realizing record attendances this fall, reports Pastor Paul Risser. **Woodruff Christian School**, under the direction of Administrator Keith Ingersol, has realized a total enrollment of 380 students from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. **Santa Fe Springs Christian School**, under the direction of Principal John Holmes, enrolled 208 students from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

In recent months, the **Waterloo, Ia. Foursquare Church** celebrated 31 years of ministry, and the **Logansport, Ind. Foursquare Church** dedicated its new parsonage.

The **Los Angeles, Ca. Union Rescue Mission** celebrated its 88th Anniversary of ministry on Oct. 14, 1979. Beginning as a horse-drawn wagon over the graded and graveled streets of Los Angeles, sandwiches and other food items were passed out to the hungry and needy from the wagon. Later, the Mission occupied tents and then permanent facilities. It has been at its present location since 1926.

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# THANKFUL FOR WHAT?

Thankfulness is actually an attitude of one's heart. Attitudes spring from a person's nature, be they selfish or unselfish, thoughtful or inconsiderate. We really exhibit little of an unselfish and thankful spirit as Americans these days. We are critical, proud, demanding, greedy and selfish. We have so much more than people have in other lands, yet we remain unappreciative, seeking even more. Violence, strikes, rebellion, thefts and killings are all the product of our selfish and ungrateful attitude in a country that has so much for which to be thankful.

This negative attitude is seen even in Christians, tragically. We are caught up in the spirit of the day. We must be told or encouraged to exhibit thankfulness, for it is not quite our nature to be thankful. "Thankful," we ask, "for what?" It is difficult for carnal eyes to find reason for thankfulness. We feel that the world, or our government owes us so much. We are being cheated by inflation, taxes or the businessman. Our concern is chiefly that of our physical and material health.

How few testimonies are given of God's kindness and favor. Unless God has performed some miracle, answered a prayer, or acted specifically in our behalf, we feel we have little reason to speak of His goodness. A prayer meeting leader or a minister suggests that we testify to what God has done for us. Since we cannot recall any special benefit, we remain silent. How sad!

A born-again Christian, a real believer, will have a heart filled with praise, ready to express thankfulness in genuine, joyous testimony. We do not have to have a new experience or a recent answer to prayer of which we can tell. We have something better, something deeper, something every real Christian has, something great for which we can give thanks—the gift of eternal life!

First, the believer discovers the great joy of eternal salvation through God's Word. Eternal life is a divine gift, not ever deserved, purchased nor earned through personal merit and effort.

Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, gave Himself to carry our sin and guilt to the cross. He accepted the responsibility of our unworthiness, our sin. He was judged in our place, receiving the death for sin we deserved. In His death, He satisfied divine justice fully for all who believe this Gospel and was raised on the third day for our justification.

Paul, the Apostle, writing to the Ephesian Church states that it is by grace, alone, that we are saved as we place our trust in Jesus Christ and His redeeming death on the cross (Eph. 2:8).

The Apostle John wrote, "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake" (I Jn. 2:12). Not forgiven for anything we have done to deserve it, but for Christ's sake because of what He has done for us on Calvary.

The Colossian letter gives us this blessed word, "In whom [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (1:14). Our sins have been judged fully!

The penalty due us was accepted by Jesus Christ, "having forgiven you all trespasses" (Col. 2:13b). The great work of redemption is complete! "And ye are complete in him" (Col. 2:10). This is reason enough to be thankful! Yes, thankful every hour! "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

Secondly, we can be deeply grateful for God's Word which gives the born-again believer full assurance of His personal relationship with God. The believer's guilt is gone. He is no longer dead in trespasses and sins. He is now alive eternally and spiritually in Christ Jesus.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (Jn. 5:24).

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans states, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1a).

In his first epistle, the Apostle John wrote, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (c.f. I Jn. 5:11-13).

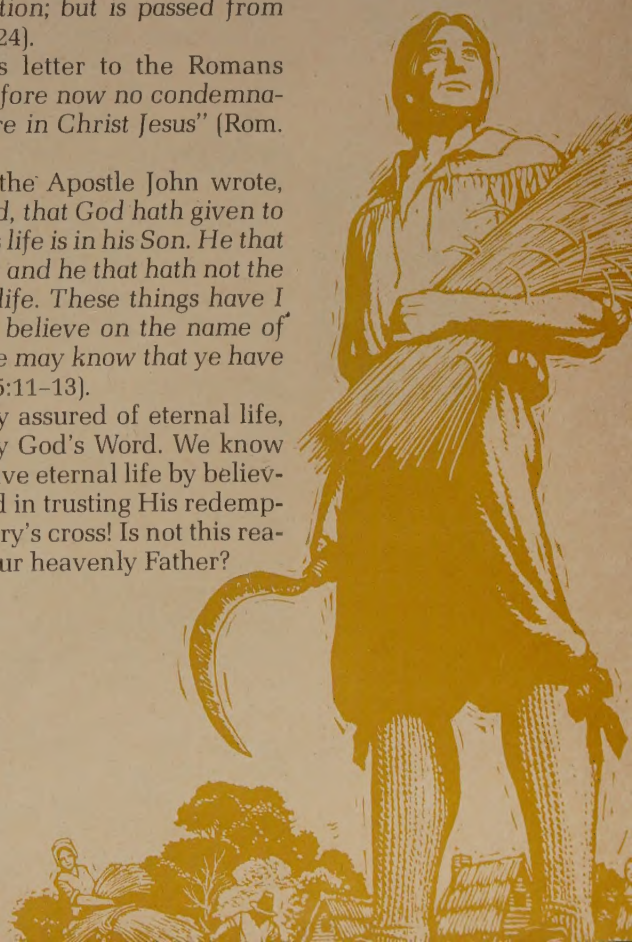
The believer is fully assured of eternal life, not by feelings, but by God's Word. We know now, today, that we have eternal life by believing on Jesus Christ and in trusting His redemptive sacrifice on Calvary's cross! Is not this reason to give thanks to our heavenly Father?

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By Dr. Clarence E. Hall  
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Thirdly, the believer will have confidence concerning his new state as a child of God. Jesus died to save us from the guilt of sin and also to restore to us the right of fellowship with God as our heavenly Father. The believer now belongs to God as a member of His own family (c.f. Jn. 1:12, 13, Eph. 2:19). In writing his first epistle, John stated, "*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons [children] of God*" (c.f. 3:1, 2). Also, in his first letter, John wrote, "*I write unto you little children, because ye have known the Father*" (2:13c).

When our Lord was asked to teach the disciples to pray, He began His prayer with the words, "*Our Father which art in heaven . . .*" (Matt. 6:9). An honorable father of a human family loves his children, provides for, protects, instructs and otherwise oversees his children in their development and progress. Almighty God, the Divine Creator, has chosen us to be His children that He may love, protect, instruct, guide and provide for us in every way (c.f. Lk. 12:22-23, Phil. 4:19). There is therefore now no reason to be fearful of circumstances in life. He cares for us as a loving, heavenly Father. How thankful we should be!

Fourthly, we who are in Christ and in whom Christ lives, now have the ability to live a new life, a spiritual life, a victorious life through the power of the Holy Spirit. "*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ,*" (II Cor. 2:14a).

Christians face trials and hardships as do people in the world. Being a believer, a child of God under His care, does not exempt us from sufferings. However, being a member of God's family does assure us of His grace, grace that will be sufficient in each trial. There will always be adequate inner strength to enable us to stay "on top" and to rejoice. "*We are more than conquerors through him that loved us*" (Rom. 8:37). When the Apostle Paul prayed for deliverance from his hurt, our Lord answered, "*My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness*" (II Cor. 12:9a).

We should read occasionally the wonderful picture of triumphant living as told by the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 4:6-5:1. Then read Peter's words in his first letter (I Pet. 4:12-19). When reading the Acts of the Apostles, we see in the first century church, although under severe persecution, a victorious, rejoicing church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, every born-again Christian can live triumphantly.

Jesus told of the vine and its branches in John, Chapter 15. He was making clear that His life would flow through the branches as it did also in the vine, itself. All that there is in His

beautiful life will be our experience as we walk by faith in Him. We will receive strength to face hardship and suffering; peace for one's mind and heart in trouble; inner rest, quietness, assurance, patience; a sincere love for God and for people; inner joy always, even in sorrow; and an understanding heart that is concerned for others. "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*" (II Cor. 5:17).

Finally, we are to be thankful for the knowledge we receive through God's Word which tells us of the wonderful, blessed and eternal life awaiting us. Jesus said, "*In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also*" (Jn. 14:2,3).

Physical death is not to be feared by the one who is in Christ. This occasion is not an end to life, but a glorious beginning. We read in the epistle to the Philippians, "*to die is gain*" (1:21). The Apostle adds to this note, . . . "*having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:*" (1:23b). Heaven is our home. Our names are recorded there (the heavenly birth certificate). Our eternal citizenship is there (Eph. 2:19). Yes, we have a heavenly address readied for us who are in Christ. This is such a precious hope (I Pet. 1:3,4). Christian believer, we have so much to be thankful for! We have been delivered from the power of darkness. We have been transferred into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son (Col. 1:13,14). We are his redeemed ones, fully reconciled unto God through Christ's sacrifice. We have the forgiveness of sins. We have eternal life. We have the Lord of life living within us. We have, through Him, the means of victorious living. We have an eternal home where we shall be with our heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior, and our loved ones, forever!

We often sing "Count Your Blessings" and we try to list the lesser earthly benefits God so kindly grants. We seldom remember to count these greater divine blessings which He has given us so freely when we turned to Him and placed our trust in Jesus Christ and His cross. These blessings have been assured us by His Word, even though we may be weak, ill, troubled, or suffering in some way. We are rich in Christ, greatly favored, with reason to rejoice and be thankful!

May we all lift our voices and give our Lord and our God praises and thanksgiving, for He is deserving!

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).





## MIDWEST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR PROMOTED TO HEAVENLY HOME

On July 11, 1979, a veteran Foursquare District Supervisor, pastor and evangelist went to be with the Lord, announces General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls.

Reverend Donald J. Ballinger was born June 13, 1915, in Missouri and came to know the Lord as his Savior in 1927. At that time he was attending the Sterling, Colorado Foursquare Church. In 1935 he married Dorothy Gerk. Both Reverend and Mrs. Ballinger graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College with the Pilot's Class in 1937 and were ordained in 1939. They pastored Foursquare churches in the following cities: Brighton, Colorado Springs and Durango, Colorado; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Belmont, North Carolina; and Newton, Kansas. The Ballingers also pioneered the Chanute, North Wichita and Abilene, Kansas Foursquare Churches and served many years as evangelists throughout the United States. Reverend and Mrs. Ballinger became Midwest District Supervisors on May 1, 1970.

At the recent Midwest District Convention, a special evening was set aside to honor the memory and ministry of Reverend Ballinger. General Supervisor Nicholls states, "Those on the Midwest District have many wonderful memories of Brother Ballinger as he and his

wife served them so faithfully." Multitudes of people have been eternally touched by God's Word and the moving of the Holy Spirit through Reverend Ballinger's years of faithful ministry.

Supervisor Ballinger is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother, and four grandchildren. Since the homegoing of Reverend Ballinger, Mrs. Ballinger has valiantly carried on the supervision of the Midwest District. 4



At left: Mrs. Donald Ballinger receives tributes from Foursquare leaders, President McPherson (right) and Dr. M.E. Nicholls (left) as well as from District ministers on behalf of her late husband, District Supervisor Ballinger (shown above).

## REVEREND AND MRS. GLENN METZLER APPOINTED AS SUPERVISORS TO THE MIDWEST DISTRICT

Reverend and Mrs. Glenn Metzler, former pastors of the Burbank, California Foursquare Church, were introduced to the Midwest District pastors as the new District Supervisors during the Midwest District Convention, announces President Rolf K. McPherson. The Metzlers assumed full responsibilities for the District on October 15, 1979.

Prior to accepting the pastorate of the Burbank Church, Reverend and Mrs. Metzler ministered in the Midwest District most of their 29 years of service. While pastoring in Burbank, Reverend Metzler served for several years as a Director on the International Board. A 1951 graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, he has also served as an evangelist, Divisional Youth Leader, and on the L.I.F.E. Bible College Alumni Board. 4



Reverend Glenn Metzler

By Bill Jastram

## concepts of the Church:

Cursing, irate people, overworked and underpaid employees, and just plain lazy labor make up the personnel in most work environments. And, there in the midst of that, Christ is hard at work in us.

Jesus' grace is strong. It's tough for a tough world, and that's where it's made to work... in your life and mine.

Christianity has always been its best in the "marketplace." Right in the face of a rebellious, stubborn, and ornery society. That's where Jesus can show Himself sufficient, through us. It's got to work there. If it doesn't, we haven't got much.

For some reason, Christians often want to huddle together in the protective environment of a "Christian subculture"—working together, living together and insulated from the community around them.

Jesus threw Himself into the teeth of such a society as we face daily and was totally successful. He was no less for it in the end. In fact, such a life was what perfected Him. 4



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# Three Foursquare pastors share their viewpoints regarding the role of a pastor

## WHEN IS A PASTOR A PASTOR

In the light of the Word,  
define the responsibilities of a pastor.

### viewpoint:

**Kurtz:** A pastor is a pastor when he is fulfilling the role of the shepherd. Of course he is an under-shepherd for the "Great Shepherd," but he must emulate the great heart and mind of Him who is the "Good Shepherd." As a shepherd his main responsibilities are: 1. Lead the flock after Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life; 2. Feed the flock; feed them the food that the Lord has provided which is the Word of God (I Pet. 5:2); and 3. Care for the flock, ministering in their birthing, to their needs, hurts and growth.

**Phillips:** To discover the proper function of a pastor, we must resist personal opinion, denominational traditions and cultural molds and return to the pure source of Scripture as the basis of our values. In I Timothy, Chapter 3, Paul summarizes the qualifications for pastors. In the area of responsibilities, the Word of God reveals clearly that a pastor is to be well qualified in the Word so that he can feed God's church a nutritional diet (Jn. 21:15-17; Acts 6:4). He is to be full of love and wisdom so he can tend God's lambs with compassionate insight (Jn. 10:1-13). It is also his responsibility to be full of the Holy Spirit so he can minister with God's ability—not just out of the fund of his own intellect (Acts 6:3; I Pet. 4:10, 11; I Cor. 2:1-7). In the charismatic dimension, this is particularly necessary. The pastor must be sensitively alert to the ministry of the Holy Spirit so that the guidance or direction he offers is aligned with the mind of the Spirit. The anointing of the Holy Spirit will equip him for spiritual warfare in general and will also give him practical wisdom for one to one counseling.

**Vaughan:** Since the English word, pastor, occurs only once in the King James Version, we must go quickly to the Greek word which is translated pastor. It is *poimeen* and is translated *shepherd* throughout the New Testament. The corresponding Hebrew word in the Old Testament is translated mainly as *shepherd*, *herdsman*, *pastor*, and *to feed*. A closely related Greek word, *poimanio*, is translated *feed* and *to rule* in several places in the New Testament. According to *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*, they are closely related to the noun *poia* which means *to protect*. He also suggests that a shepherd is one to whom others have committed their care and control and

whose precepts they follow. Metaphorically, the pastor is the presiding officer, manager, or director of any assembly. In the New Testament, Jesus is the "Chief Shepherd" and the "Great Shepherd" of the sheep and is our example of what a shepherd should be. He gave us some instruction on shepherding in John 21:15-17. Scripture further amplifies what Jesus meant when Peter translates to us (I Pet. 5:1-4) what Jesus' teaching on shepherding meant to him. Peter first acknowledges that he is an elder—an overseer in the body of Christ. Then he tells us to feed or shepherd the flock of God which God has given to us and provides guidelines in verses 2 and 3. The third main area of responsibility is found in Ephesians 4:11, 12. Notice that the shepherd does not have to meet this need alone. He has other ministries available to him to help in the job of perfecting or equipping the saints. The word *perfect* in Verse 12 basically means *to equip* or *to arrange in proper order*.

It is interesting to note the absence of many of the duties that have been traditionally ascribed to the pastor. If the pastor were released from many of these duties expected of him and given the task which the Apostles determined they must do while they were pastoring the Jerusalem Church (giving themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word), then pastors could be a lot more effective in equipping the saints for ministry.

### How vital is a pastor to the local congregation?

**Kurtz:** Pastors live among the flock and are God's appointed leaders. No group can survive without a designated leader. The Lord has laid on pastors the responsibility of leading the church. As a leader, he is charged with the responsibility of guidance, vision and oversight. Other necessary biblical ministries to the church are given to aid and strengthen the flock, but leadership lies in the hands of the pastor.

**Phillips:** The pastor is vital to the life of the church because he sets not only the "goal" but the "pace" of the local congregation. Someone has said, "Without his direction, you aren't going anywhere." The structure of the church depends upon "domata" ministries to produce the healthy function of the body. Under the ordained headship of the pastor, individual members of the congregation become estab-



lished in ministry. Thus the pastor becomes the key to all local ministry.

**Vaughan:** Remembering that the primary responsibilities of the shepherd are to feed, lead and protect the flock, it is vital that every congregation has a God appointed shepherd. Everyone in the body of Christ is to submit to authority. Hebrews 13:17 says to obey them who have the rule over you. The Greek word for rule, *hegeomai*, means *to be a leader, to command, or to have authority over*. The shepherd has been given the primary responsibility of the local populace. Believers in the local body, in turn, have the responsibility to obey and submit to his authority for it is profitable for them. It is the responsibility of the shepherd to watch over their souls because he, the shepherd, must give an account to God. Because the shepherd is to be the overseer of the local body of believers, it is crucial that everyone has a shepherd to oversee him or her. Many a believer has fallen into error because he would not submit to any authority.

In view of the complexity  
of today's society  
and the vast needs of the human heart,  
how can a pastor fulfill his role?

**Kurtz:** A pastor needs to learn at the feet of Jesus and then take the lead in guiding the flock in His steps. Vision and goals are also necessary that a pastor can know the direction to lead. If he leads, rehearsing in his heart the vision he had from the Lord, the sheep will follow.

**Phillips:** An effective pastor will know *who he is* and *what he has*! Jesus Christ gave five gift ministries to His Church. The listing in Ephesians, Chapter 4 includes the office of pastor. If Jesus has given the pastor as a gift to His Church, nothing man can do will change that fact. The pastor who understands this has an authoritative voice. He is an official representative of the Kingdom of God. It is important for him to know this so that he can overcome the intimidation of Satan and circumstances. While he is not to "lord it over God's flock," he must know *who he is* in order to establish the authority of the office. It should be noted that authority for ministry cannot be superimposed by learning formulas, but it must flow out of a genuine commission from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the body.

A pastor must be equipped to minister to the basic needs of people which rarely vary from generation to generation or culture to culture. Man needs forgiveness, inner healing, acceptance, peace, joy and relationship. Jesus, Himself, came to meet such needs, and He contin-

ues to minister His life and healing through the gift ministries (Eph. 4:11, 12).

**Vaughan:** First, he must allow others to do the work of ministry. Too many pastors are grasping to maintain control of everything within *their church*. And believers in their congregation are not allowed to develop their ministries in any independent fashion. (I understand any ministry must be under proper authority, but God speaks to others besides the shepherd.)

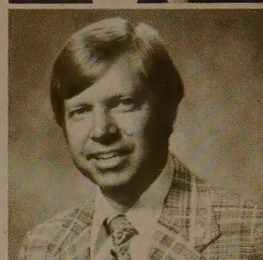
Secondly, there must be a reeducation within the body of Christ. The sheep must be taught and must respond to the biblical teaching concerning the shepherd. As a shepherd, the pastor is to carry out his responsibilities through prayer and the ministry of the Word, but his office of pastor never excludes the fact that he is an overseer. Our society has taught us to be dependent on others rather than to do the work ourselves. Until all the sheep start doing the work of ministry, either the pastor will do it or it will not get done.

Thirdly, the shepherd must set himself to study and prayer so he knows the Word. He cannot rely on just what others are saying about it, because he must meet the vast needs of the human heart as he ministers the Scripture.

What should be the pastor's  
three priorities  
in fulfilling his responsibilities?

**Vaughan:** Keeping books, running the mimeograph, running around buying supplies, being the janitor, mowing the lawn, etc., are nowhere listed in Scripture as the priorities in ministry. At the same time, a shepherd should not feel he is too good or important to do any of those things. However, I know I have allowed such things to rob me of what the Scripture states are my priorities such as study, prayer, equipping, feeding, guiding, etc.

**Phillips:** 1. *He must be a feeder.* No other abilities (administrative, organizational) will compensate for the lack of this quality. He must be able to effectively minister God's Word so the children of God will have a mature capability to minister themselves (Eph. 4:11, 12). 2. *He must be a "partaker of the fruit" of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.* He will feel insecure and uncomfortable with the operation of the gifts of the Spirit and the ministry enunciated in I Corinthians 14:26-40 if he is not such a man. 3. *He must relate to God's people with love, and as much as possible, with impartiality.* He must not impart an "elitist clergy" image. The day is over when any shepherd can remain aloof from his flock. The pastor's basic role is that of a servant. He must minister at the level of his people or be guilty of the "deeds of the Nicolaitans" (Rev. 2:6, 15). 4



Participants in November's Viewpoint, who serve as pastors of Foursquare churches in the following towns, are pictured above (from top): Rev. Coleman Phillips (Escondido, Ca.); Rev. Eugene Kurtz (Gettysburg, Pa.); and Rev. Jerry Vaughan (Santa Barbara, Ca.).





## PEOPLE:

An interview with  
Charles William  
Walkem, D.D.,  
conducted by Sam  
Middlebrook.

## on his knees

Charles William Walkem is known to our Foursquare family as one who is especially gifted by God. Since the early days of the Foursquare Movement, Dr. Walkem has faithfully ministered in many areas of church ministry and greatly assisted our Founder, Aimee Semple McPherson, in putting to music the sacred operas that God gave her. He served as a Foursquare pastor and as an instructor in L.I.F.E. Bible College, the latter first on a part-time basis and then as a full-time professor, beginning in 1940.

Dr. Walkem studied at Rochester Bible Seminary, engaged in language study at U.C.L.A., and received special tutoring in Jerusalem. He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1944. Dr. Walkem presently serves as Professor Emeritus of L.I.F.E. Bible College.

**Middlebrook:** Years ago in the Bible College you used to write all your syllabi, didn't you? You didn't use textbooks?

**Walkem:** Yes, we wrote our own books. Here are some of the ones I wrote.

**Middlebrook:** This one is on faith—this book on Enoch. Here is a special lecture on divine wisdom in the book of James. Looks like that book is on demon possession. Here are books on I Peter, homiletics and angels. And here is your whole book on Jude. You picked the hard ones. Jude isn't an easy book!

**Walkem:** That is because I couldn't find anything written on Jude.

**Middlebrook:** Oh, so you had to write your own. Here is one on the spirits in prison. You didn't avoid the difficult passages.

**Walkem:** That's why I did these. I couldn't find something on that passage, so I wrote it.

**Middlebrook:** So some of your writings came out of not being able to find something suitable. Here is a writing on the book of Revelation.

**Walkem:** And here is one on the universe.

**Middlebrook:** So you got into science, too. Is that a special interest?

**Walkem:** Yes. There is a lot of science in the Bible.

**Middlebrook:** And you keep on studying things, too, don't you?

**Walkem:** Yes.

**Middlebrook:** What are you working on now?

**Walkem:** Right now I'm working on the book of Exodus and the Ten Commandments.

**Middlebrook:** How long have you been working on that? Would you say a couple of years?

**Walkem:** No, I think just about a year, now.

**Middlebrook:** And before that, you did a book on . . . what is it?

**Walkem:** Worms, Fire, and Gehenna.

**Middlebrook:** Oh yes, that's a big one. It's 200 pages in it easily. It is on the underworlds, both the Old Testament and New Testament underworlds. This subject includes the Judgment, the wrath of God, and eternal punishment. Those are in depth studies.

**Walkem:** I've looked at so many books and been disappointed in so many of them. I think the Lord reveals to me, Pentecostally, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, something that other men, who are intellectuals, with a good vocabulary, a good command of English, and are articulate on what they believe, do not understand.

**Middlebrook:** Do you think a person's spiritual experience has an influence on how he writes?

**Walkem:** I think so. I absolutely think so. I've delved into some other men's writings, and somehow they didn't seem to satisfy me, because they would leave the Holy Spirit out.

**Middlebrook:** You think, then, that some of your ideas and thoughts are given to you by the Holy Spirit?

**Walkem:** Yes I do. When I looked in books and didn't find what I wanted, I thought, I must have the Holy Spirit and I know Hebrew and Greek.

**Middlebrook:** How important do you think it is for anybody who wants to teach or write about the Bible to know the Biblical languages? Do they need that?

**Walkem:** Absolutely. There are just thousands of instances in Genesis 1:1, that you won't understand in English.

**Middlebrook:** So if you don't know the languages, then you miss some of the subtleties.

**Walkem:** The root meanings of certain words, the grammar, and the idea of where the meaning is found in the sentence is also important.

**Middlebrook:** So it is not just the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, but you have to put a perspiration into this, too, by learning the languages?



: For instance, I would take a word and many times it was used. I would take meaning of the word and how many occurs and where it occurs, so that got through with that word, then I had a good idea of what that word meant.

**Brook:** And that's just pure mechanical

: Absolutely so.

**Brook:** Then how does the Holy Spirit do this?

: As I start on these different words, I feel that I have a hold of something there. The Lord wants to show me. So I take my pen and start writing. But before I write the word, I start by praying.

**Brook:** Oh, you do? Everytime you start to pray? And you think that makes a difference?

: Absolutely. What I mean is the Lord reveal to me something that I hadn't seen. The Bible will tell you how big God is. He is great in His intelligence, in His actions, in His dealings with man.

**Brook:** And because the Bible has come from God like this, it is a special Book ... a Holy Book to you?

: Yes. And the whole thing, actually, is one compound whole. That is, it is not pieced together. It all weaves in together; it dovetails.

**Brook:** So you think the Bible is a divine revelation and it is divinely inspired?

: All scripture has the breath of God on it. This is an illustration: When we were growing up in Kansas City, as kids, in the winter the wind would blow our breath on the window. The whole window would have our breath on it. Even so the Holy Spirit breathed on the Word.

**Brook:** And that's why you've studied the Bible so long and so intensively, because it is the Word of book.

: Yes, that's right.

**Brook:** Do you think you've exhausted the Word of the Bible?

: No, absolutely not. It opens up a new world of truth that is just there waiting for us.

**Brook:** What would a typical day be like in studying the Bible? Like today and in the past. You must have spent several hours a day, just studying?

: I spent two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon.

**Brook:** What about spiritual preparation for Bible study and writing?

: I study the Bible on my knees, pray, take my Bible and a notebook and read a verse or book or passage.

**Brook:** So you would read and study the Bible on your knees?

: Yes. And write ideas, too. I would

write down an idea that I could expand on later.

**Middlebrook:** What about memorizing scripture? Is that important for you?

**Walkem:** Not so much. I memorize a lot of scripture, but it is because I just keep reading it over and over.

**Middlebrook:** You know, then, a lot of the Bible that you can quote by heart?

**Walkem:** Oh sure, but I've read those areas over and didn't try to memorize them.

**Middlebrook:** I've noticed, too, that when I've heard you pray, a lot of times you will quote scriptures in your prayers. Are you aware of that?

**Walkem:** I don't know whether I am aware of it or not, but I got that, I think, from writing on my knees while I was studying the Bible. I would get down with a book and a pencil, and I would pray over a certain passage of scripture.

**Middlebrook:** So you would read, and pray, and write ... all at the same time. Do you think the kind of life a person lives, his character before God will affect his study of the Bible and writing about it?

**Walkem:** Yes, I do. I don't think you can fool around with the world and be careless in your life. I think that would block the whole thing out. If your mind is on the work of God, on scripture and on the Lord, you are not going to do those things. Your whole being is satisfied.

**Middlebrook:** So by studying the scriptures this way, you keep your mind filled with it; it affects your life and your character. It, then, comes out in the way you live?

**Walkem:** You cannot live a careless life and expect the Holy Spirit to bless your ministry.

**Middlebrook:** Dr. Walkem, the study and writing that you do now is mostly for your own personal edification, isn't it?

**Walkem:** Yes.

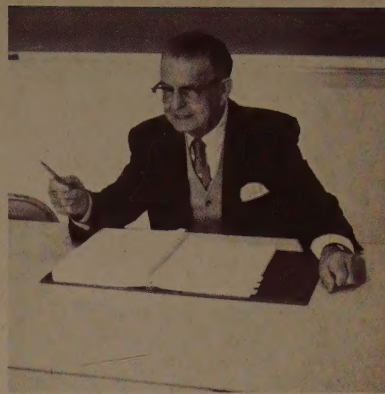
**Middlebrook:** Even though you aren't teaching as much as you used to, you still aren't retired in any sense of the word; you are still studying?

**Walkem:** My mind is still fertile. That's why I couldn't get away from the first two verses in Exodus, Chapter 20—"And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." So I wrote an introduction to that.

**Middlebrook:** That's really something that you are still learning and growing.

**Walkem:** Well, my mind is still active, you know. I don't have anybody to give it to anymore, that is why I would like to give some special lectures sometime.

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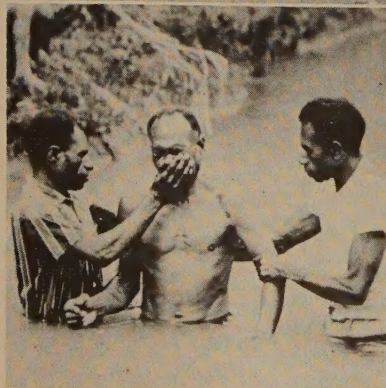


Pictured on Page 8: Dr. Charles W. Walkem (right) shares vital points of his many years of study of God's Word with Rev. Sam Middlebrook during interview. Above: Dr. Walkem shown teaching in classroom and in his academic gown.

A professor at L.I.F.E. Bible College, Reverend Sam Middlebrook also serves as Dean of the Faculty. He will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in December, 1979.



Right: Pastor Kriesler Lee of the Headquarters Foursquare Church in Hong Kong leads in congregational singing during Worship Service. Below: Phillip and Mildred Starr, missionaries to the Philippines; Students who attend the Foursquare Bible School in Papua New Guinea; National workers baptize a new convert in Papua New Guinea.



## international update: Special Report:

### NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

Reverend and Mrs. Everett Denison have been appointed to the Republic of the Philippines to serve on that field in special ministries. They are teaching in the Foursquare Bible Colleges conducting seminars and classes on stewardship for pastors, church leaders and the membership. They are also involved in ministries of administration, along with T.E.E. program ministries. The Denisons are appointed by invitation from the Foursquare Church in the Philippines.

Everett and Ruth served as our missionaries to the Philippines soon after World War II, and under their ministry the Foursquare work realized a new start and was reorganized. Several of today's leaders of the Foursquare Movement in the Philippines were converted under the Denisons' ministry. These include: Reverend Ernesto Lagasca, President of the Philippine Church; Reverend Olga Robertson, serving in prison ministries; and Judge Maghirang; as well as others. Re-

member the Denisons in your prayers as they prepare for this new term of ministry.

### DATE LINE: **Europe**

**England**—Praise God! A new area has been entered by Foursquare Missions. Backed by the prayers of believers in the United States and Canada, Reverend and Mrs. Chris Davies from Gresham, Oregon, are invading the powers of darkness in the country of England. Spiritists and devil worshippers there are outspoken and often quoted in the media. Although the center of the Christian faith for over 1,500 years, England, today, desperately needs the Light of the Gospel. The Davies are located in Thelford, 80 miles north-east of London and in an area near two Air Force Bases.

Reverend Davies spent time in England both as a young man and later in the Armed Forces. For the past two years he and Mrs. Davies have been in England helping in a church, but now feel that God would send them out on their own to be used in an even greater measure. Their new ministry called "New Life Fellowship" will emphasize the vital



relationship of the individual with God and with people and it will train them to reach others in this country. Fellowships have already begun in several homes with a variety of people, both British and American, attending.

## DATE LINE: Asia

**Hong Kong**—The "Balanced Christian Life" was the theme for the Hong Kong Macau District Youth Camp held on the island of Lantau during July. It was the largest youth camp the District has realized with 115 young people attending.

"I had been asked to speak at the last service, which was the outdoor campfire service," writes Missionary Larry Six. "As I was praying about this service, the Lord spoke to my heart that He had already called young people to full-time Christian service in response to the prayers of those who asked the Lord to raise up workers for the 'harvest'. All I was to do was to give them the opportunity to acknowledge that God had called them. In the closing night service, as the opportunity was given, seven young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service and testified that it was true that God had already spoken to them and they were just looking for the opportunity to acknowledge that call. Most of the campers stood in response to recognizing that they had been chosen by the Lord to bear fruit for His glory. It was a time of rejoicing and of realizing that it is God's time to bring in a spiritual harvest from the Hong Kong and other Asian areas and that these young

people will have a vital ministry in reaching this harvest."

**Philippines**—The following exciting praise reports are received from Reverend Phillip Starr, Supervisor of the Foursquare work in the Philippines: "Recently our Bible Colleges graduated the largest number of students in Philippine Foursquare history. Eighty young people graduated and almost 95 percent have or will accept opportunities in pioneering, pastoring or assisting in church ministries. The total enrollment for the new school year is 343 students with 115 freshmen included.

"Signs of growth can be noted in the lives of the young people in the churches, as well. Many are accepting the challenge of reaching Filipino youth in the colleges and universities where they attend. This presents real opportunities since the Philippines has the largest student population of any country in the world, except that of the United States. Two new National workers have been appointed for heading up this campus ministry."

## DATE LINE: South Pacific

**Papua New Guinea**—Praise God! Ninety new names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life this month and have had their lives changed by the power of Christ's love. An important man from the Melekato Village was converted and filled with the Holy Spirit. A young business man from Hageri was saved and now is a vibrant witness for Christ in his area. "One day as we were praising the Lord," writes a worker, "I had a vision of Jesus leading a mighty host of angels in warfare against the hosts of darkness in the Dunantina Valley. It was wonderful to see Christ and His angels defeating the forces of darkness." We know that God is doing just this, for many of the churches in this area are doubling and tripling in attendance!

A member of the Foursquare Church was visiting some relatives about 100 miles from Lae. She needed to get home but was unable to because of heavy rains and flooding which had washed away parts of the road on which she was to travel. As she prayed,

the Lord assured her that He would help her reach her home, so she boarded a 25-passenger bus and began her trip home. Before long, the bus came to an area where the road had been washed out. Because of a huge hole on one side of the road and the mountain on the other side, the road was only about one-half the width of the bus at this location. The driver stopped, telling everyone that they would have to get out and make their own way to Lae. The Christian lady had prayed and believed that God would get her home, so she encouraged the driver to go ahead and attempt to drive on the road, assuring him that God was with them. He reluctantly drove on and everyone realized that something held the bus in place as they crossed the huge hole. What a miracle! The bus proceeded on but later came to a place where the raging river was still flooding and destroying everything in its path. A large truck had just been washed away. Again, the driver informed the passengers that they could go no further. The girl persisted, so the driver went on. It was as if the invisible road underneath the water supported them. The water did not even enter the bus. When they reached the other side of the raging river, the passengers offered to pay the lady for the miraculous trip. She said, "No. God has done it all." God is still performing mighty acts for His children.

## DATE LINE: Latin America

**Costa Rica**—"The Foursquare churches in Costa Rica celebrated 25 years of ministry," announced Supervisor Reverend James Walker. As a result of the witness of 7,000 Foursquare members in this land, 1,085 individuals found Christ as their Savior in 1978. Over the years, about 40 churches have been established as "lighthouses to the lost" in this country. At the time of celebration, eight ministers were ordained to serve as leaders to help with the continual growth that is expected. 4

## District Missionary Giving

District	Jan.-Sept. 1979
Angelus Temple	\$104,088.69
Canada	48,186.34
Eastern U.S.	91,457.37
Eastern Canada	6,172.46
Great Lakes	176,743.14
Midwest	111,546.62
Northwest	250,306.52
South Central	75,016.83
Southeast	57,087.94
Southern California	238,143.67
Southwest	150,955.94
Western	136,967.37





# Time to Celebrate

Our family has had its attention focused on a wedding this year as our son took to himself a wife. It was a great time to celebrate! And one day, as I was thinking about weddings, I was reminded of the wedding our Lord attended while He was here on earth.

You will remember that it was at the very beginning of His earthly ministry that He attended this wedding. Jesus had just been baptized in water and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove. He went out into the wilderness for 40 days and was tempted of the devil. After selecting five of His disciples, He then performed His first miracle here at this wedding at Cana of Galilee (Jn 2:1-11). It seems very significant that Christ chose a wedding feast at which to begin His miraculous ministry here on earth.

Jesus had just shown His omniscience (the fact that He has all knowledge) in the encounter with Philip and Nathanael, and now He displays His omnipotence (the fact that He has all power). The scene of the miracle was Cana, a small village about three hours journey from His boyhood hometown of Nazareth. The miracle occurred not in public but in the comparative privacy of the family circle of those invited to this wedding. Those present were probably well-known to Jesus, and many were probably related to His mother, Mary. In fact, it appears she may have been in charge of the social arrangements, since she gave the orders to the servants.

But notice, especially, that the occasion for this miracle was a wedding. Christ's presence puts His stamp of approval on matrimony. He had no sympathy for those "forbidding to marry" (I Tim. 4:3). The Bible says in Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled." But Christ's presence is still essential to a happy wedding and marriage.

Christ also, by His presence on this occasion, makes clear that it is allowable to rejoice on such occasions, even to feast! There is a time to celebrate!

But "when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine'" (Jn 2:3 NASB). It may have been that there were more guests than they had anticipated. Perhaps they had not properly planned for the length of the feast. (They usually lasted a week!) Or perhaps the bride and bridegroom were rather poor. At any rate, Mary appeals to Jesus for help. She evidently expected Him to do something miraculous.

But Christ answered, "Woman, what do I

have to do with you? My hour has not yet come" (Jn 2:4 NASB). This language implies no lack of respect for His mother, because the term "woman" is the same which He addresses to her in His dying moments, "Woman, behold your son!" (Jn 19:26 NASB). Yet this mode of address implies a change of relationship between Jesus and Mary. She was no longer "mother" but "woman." We see the trace of this change in the question Jesus later asked, "Who is My mother and who are my brothers?" (Matt. 12:48 NASB). The language implies that the period of subjection to Joseph and Mary was now at an end, that He is now the Servant of Jehovah, and that His work as the Messiah has at last begun.

Christ's hour - the time when He will rule this world and all the powers of creation as King of kings - had not yet come. But Jesus is always capable of miraculously changing the course of nature in response to the needs of His people.

How significant that Christ began His ministry at a wedding feast! A wedding brings two human beings together so that they may begin living together as one. In our relationship with the Lord as Christians, we need to become one with Christ, spiritually. In the beginning of our Christian life, we should make a commitment to the Lord similar to the vows of marriage. The Scripture teaches that the Church - the body of believers - is the Bride of Christ. And everytime a new one is added to the Bride, all heaven rejoices. It's time to celebrate!

We have made our vows of faithfulness to the Lord and are being married to Him. All through our Christian life and walk of faith with the Lord, we are drawing closer and closer to Him.

When all the members of the Bride of Christ have been gathered in, and Jesus returns to take His Bride unto Himself, then there will be a great feast in heaven called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Another time to celebrate!

So Christ's ministry to the people of the earth began at an earthly wedding feast, and it will end at a heavenly wedding feast!

Have you made vows of commitment of your life to Christ? Are you being faithful to those vows as a wife should be to her husband? Or has your attention been drawn away from the Savior and been focused on other things or other people? The Lord Jesus gave His life for the Church, the Bride whom He loves—you. He is totally dedicated to you. Are you faithfully giving yourself in total dedication to Him? (Eph. 5:22-32.) When you stand before God in eternity, will it be a time for you to celebrate?



By Reverend Phil Demetro,  
Pastor, First Foursquare  
Church, Lubbock, Texas.



# inside our Foursquare family:

## People Honored:

### **Ye Foursquare Bookshoppe Manager Honored**

In an Angelus Temple Sunday Evening Service, Olive Cooksey, who has served for over 40 years as Manager of Ye Foursquare Bookshoppe, was honored for her faithful service rendered unto the Lord through this ministry. Tributes were made at this time by several of our Denominational leaders and others associated with Miss Cooksey. The church choir dedicated



*Miss Olive Cooksey shown with brother, Rev. Douglas Cooksey (right), and President McPherson (left).*

several musical numbers to her.

President Rolf K. McPherson was among those who expressed words of appreciation for her ministry and offered special prayer on her behalf. The daughter of the late Dr. H. Wesley Cooksey (Dr. Cooksey served on the Angelus Temple ministerial staff for many years), Olive was presented with several gifts on this occasion. Her brother, Rev. Douglas Cooksey, was present to participate in this time of recognition to Miss Cooksey.

### **Pastor Josephine Dalrymple Honored by Church**

The Oaklawn, Ill. Foursquare Church congregation honored Rev. Josephine Dalrymple at a special Anniversary and Appreciation Dinner held in recognition of her 28 years of ministry rendered to them as pastor. Rev. Dalrymple ministered in this church for 10 years with her late husband, Rev. Richard

Dalrymple, and continued as pastor following his passing in 1961.

On this special occasion, a buffet dinner was served to 115 members and friends. A special program honoring Pastor Dalrymple was presented, at which time she was given a lovely engraved watch.

### **Foursquare Hospital Chaplain Receives Doctoral Degree**

A Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton School of Theology, Newton, Mass., was conferred on Rev. George W. Britt, chaplain at Fairfield Hills Hospital, Newton, Conn. where he has served the past 10 years. Dr. Britt's field is in psychology and pastoral care.

Continuing his work as a chaplain, Dr. Britt sees a state psychiatric hospital as a real mission field to work for the Lord. He and Mrs. Britt served as Foursquare missionaries to Hong Kong for nearly five years.

*Rev. Josephine Dalrymple*



*Dr. George W. Britt*

## Church:

### **Goleta, California Church Receives Beautiful Award**

At the 1979 Annual Goleta, Ca. Beautiful Awards Dinner, the Goleta Valley (Santa Barbara), Ca. Foursquare Church was one of seven recipients to receive recognition given to local properties. The Foursquare church was cited in the category of renovation of properties more than 30 years old. The renovating was carried on by church members, reports Pastor Ronald Bauer.



Nicholls ministered. Other churches in the San Jacinto Division gathered for this special occasion, and Rev. Loren Callan, Divisional Superintendent, participated in this service, as well.



*Sunnyslope Union Church pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Len Ziebarth (left), shown with Dr. M.E. Nicholls.*

### **Lebanon, Pennsylvania**

In 1978, the Muir, Pa. Foursquare Church gave birth to a new Foursquare work in the city of Lebanon, Pa. Rev. Paul Dunbar, a teacher at that time in Muir Christian Academy, was chosen,



along with his wife, to spearhead this new work.

Beginning in a rented church, several evangelistic outreaches were conducted

to launch this ministry. Since that time, a church building has been purchased and God continues to bless this ministry in every way. Pastor Dunbar reports that God's love is the common denominator of growth in the Lebanon Church.

### **Homecoming La Habra, California**

A highlight of the La Habra, Ca. Foursquare Church's activities this year was its Homecoming celebration, reports Pastor Floyd Layman. Former pastors, assistant pastors and many former members and friends gathered for this special occasion.

Special speaker was General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls, who served as pastor for 11 years. Other former pastors present included: Dr. and Mrs. Gayle Wood, Rev. Paula Risser and Rev. and Mrs. Steve Harris. The La Habra Church was pioneered in 1937. A time of fellowship was held following the Evening Service with refreshments served.



*Dr. M.E. Nicholls ministers at La Habra, Ca. Church Homecoming.*

## New Churches

### **Riverside (Sunnyslope), California**

The Sunnyslope Union Church, pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Len Ziebarth, has taken action to associate with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

A special welcoming service was conducted on a Sunday afternoon, at which time General Supervisor M.E.



# more family:

## Noteburning Findlay, Ohio

The Foursquare church of Findlay, Oh. recently held a Noteburning Service, reports Pastor and Mrs. Ray Morrow. Divisional Superintendent Stanley Ellis ministered on this special occasion with a beautifully decorated cake served to all present following the service.

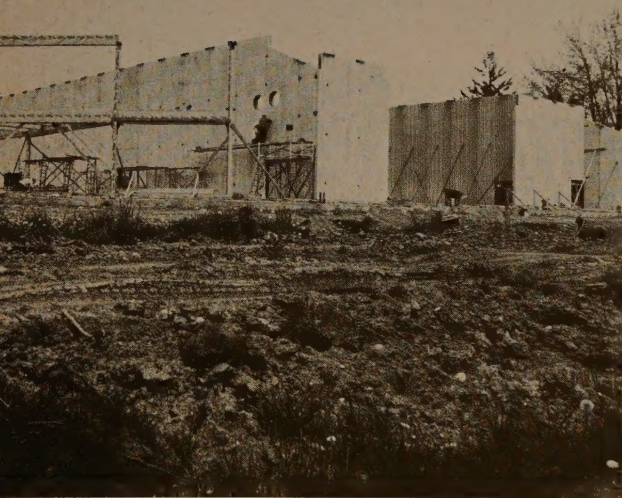
*Rev. Stanley Ellis (left) and Pastor Ray Morrow lead in Noteburning ceremony.*



## New East Hill Church Facilities Near Completion

Since last spring, the construction of the new facilities of the East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham, Ore. has been underway, reports Pastor Jerry Cook. The new building consists of about 38,000 square feet. It is a combined concrete and wood timber structure with the main assembly seating 2,000. The overflow area will accommodate 500. Uniquely designed for speaking and musical presentations, the auditorium will have a large Allen computerized organ and will be equipped with a sound and video studio for future programming. Nursery facilities will handle up to 350 children. This building project represents the most costly project of its kind that the Denomination has participated in.

President Rolf K. McPherson will be present for the Dedication of these facilities, which is to take place on Dec. 2.



## Marriage Vows Renewed Pottsville, Pennsylvania

A special service which gave the opportunity for 18 couples to renew their wedding vows, was held recently in the Pottsville, Pa. Foursquare Church, reports Pastor David Wing.



Held in candlelight with a wedding setting, the service began with a processional to the song, "I Am Loved," led by Pastor and Mrs. Wing. This service held special significance for three couples. Two had been separated and the Lord restored their marriages through the church's ministry, and one had been divorced for five months with Pastor Wing recently remarrying them in a private ceremony. In this service, the latter couple publicly renewed their vows.

The message, presented by Pastor Wing, challenged the couples with commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another. Renewal vows were then exchanged by each couple with each receiving a special certificate. A reception, with a lovely wedding cake served, was held following the service. Pastor Wing conducts pre-marital and marriage classes on a regular basis through the church's Christian education ministry.

## New Fairmont Ford Presented to Pastors

Recipients of a lovely, new Fairmont Ford were Pastor and Mrs. Donald Hickman of the Fairfield, Ia. Foursquare Church. Presented to them by the church congregation and Mr. Fred Turner, local businessman, the car was dedicated to the Lord during a Sunday Morning Service.



*Pastor and Mrs. Donald Hickman (left) and two church council members shown in front of new Fairmont, a gift to pastors.*

## Youth: Kid's Krusade Newton, Iowa

"Happiness Is Knowing Jesus" was the theme of the recent Kid's Krusade conducted by the Newton, Ia. Foursquare Church, reports Pastor Ellis Ryherd. Average attendance nightly for this Bible-centered endeavor was 163. As a result of the Krusade, a new expansion of the church's bus ministry



has been undertaken. It also created a new interest in the Sunday Morning Children's Church ministry.

Special awards and recognition were given to the following: Becky Gobb, who brought 34 visitors; Mark and Tammy Babcock, crowned King and Queen, respectively, for Scripture memory; and runner-ups, Tracy Forker, Princess, and Korey Dammeier, Prince.

## Present with the Lord:

### Angus M. Autry

Served as a Foursquare pastor in Texas.

**Edith N. Peters.**



## Raymond Cox:

### Current Events & Comments

"PHYSICISTS THINK THEY'VE FOUND FORCE HOLDING ATOMS TOGETHER," headlines announced recently. At the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois, Director Leon Lederman exclaimed, "Physicists are ecstatic. We're beginning to understand how it's all put together." A team of 300 scientists has found strong evidence of a new particle, called the gluon, holding together the centers of atoms like glue.

Validity of the claim remains to be proved. One sure hallmark of scientific progress is that today's scientists disprove yesterday's theories. When I was first in school, atoms were generally regarded as indivisible particles, the smallest specks of matter possible. But by the time I studied high school chemistry, atoms were known to be miniature solar systems with a nucleus made of protons (positive charges of electricity), neutrons, and the orbiting electrons (negative charges). But the discovery of protons cohering together baffled physicists because that circumstance contradicted Coulomb's law of mutual repulsion between like-charged objects: "Like charges of both electricity and magnetism repel each other." Protons within the nucleus should drive each other out, entraining a chain reaction of atomic explosions. Dr. George Gamow put it, "We live in a world in which practically

every object is a nuclear explosive." Yet we are not blown to bits. Some cosmic cement or nuclear glue overrides Coulomb's law.

Now Colossians 1:17 states about Christ, "By him all things consist" (KJV) or "cohere" (Moffatt) or "hold together" (RSV), while Hebrews 1:3 attributes to God's Son, "upholding all things by the word of his power." Clearly, Scripture proclaims that Christ engineers the cohesive force in nature. He not only created all things (Col. 1:16), but He sustains all things. And the universe will continue intact until He assumes the great white throne of judgment, at which time from His face the earth and heaven will flee away (Rev. 19:11) is John's way of summarizing the nuclear disintegration Peter describes in greater detail (II Pet. 3:7-12). In Christ, all things consist, cohere and hold together.

Does the discovery of "gluon" override that "Colossian law"? By no means. God works sometimes through means and sometimes without means. If there be a particle called gluon, its function is an expression of the mind of Christ. The law of gravity, as Lightfoot proclaimed, is an expression of the mind of Christ. Dr. Lederman hails the discovery of gluon as giving impetus to hopes for a "grand unification theory" — a single explanation for what physicists call the four natural forces: electromagnetism, gravity, and the "weak" and "strong" forces which work only inside atoms. The Bible, however, presents Jesus Christ as the grand unification fact. As Joseph Cook put it, "Natural law without God behind it is no more than a glove without a hand in it. And all that is done by the gloved hand of God in nature is done by the hand and not by the glove." 4



## building a Christian library:

The following books are recommended by Dr. Leslie R. Eno, former pastor and presently a professor at L.I.F.E. Bible College where he has served for 25 years.

**Waiting on God**, Andrew Murray, Moody Press, \$1.50.

This book, through the years, has been the key that unlocked the door and led many earnest hearts into a new and refreshing enjoyment of prayer. It has brought prayer from the doldrums of life into a desirable, meaningful, and essential part of one's daily experience. The author's keynote is found in the words of the Psalmist, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him." It will be well worth your while to investigate this small paperback.

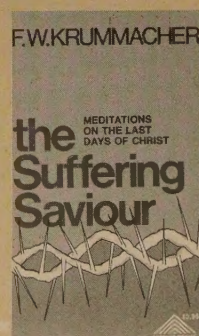
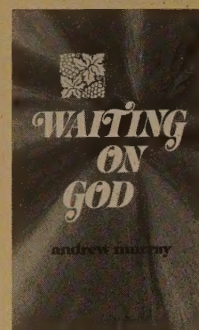
**The Suffering Saviour**, F.W. Krummacher, Baker, \$3.95.

The author has given the Church a rich series

of studies on the sufferings and death of Christ. Although written in the nineteenth century, it is still available today. This book provides a very touching review of the events surrounding the sufferings and death of our Saviour. It also throws fresh and brilliant light on the last week of Christ's earthly life and ministry. An incomparable source of study, teaching and preaching material, it will leave indelible impressions upon readers and hearers.

**Explore the Book**, J. Sidlow Baxter, Zondervan, \$24.95.

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